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INTRODUCTORY.

The Washington County Historical Society, since its present organization was formed seven years ago, has had a most successful career, but all along has felt greatly the need of a means of publishing its transactions, that they might reach the people of the entire county; but it has not had enough of funds in sight with which to undertake to publish a magazine of its own.

Its Library and Museum, on the Third Corridor of the Court House, contains a large and most interesting collection, for the use and study of all who would understand the development of our county and country in their rise from a wilderness in the century from their birth. That collection will speak for itself, and the public interest in it is now so great that during the first week of our term of court now ending more than two hundred and eighty visitors found their way to it.

Being unable to publish directly to the people all the original papers and addresses presented before our society, and any of the many interesting ancient documents illustrative of our past history, in such shape that all could have the use of them, it will be a great favor to our society to have the opportunity of publishing in The Supper Table, without expense to the society, at least some of its transactions in the way of papers or addresses delivered, and some of its collections in the way of ancient letters and documents hitherto unpublished; and, as it is understood that the matter published in this Department shall be under control of the undersigned as editor, who shall seek solely the end of a knowledge of the local history of Southwestern Pennsylvania, and especially of Washington County, nothing at all shall appear that will not

comport with the hitherto clean and dignified character of that Journal. It is because of this character of The Supper Table and the fact that it is printed upon a quality of printing paper that is much more durable than the ordinary news paper, that we have sought the privilege.

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OUR BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Attention is now called to what will be our first publication, a preliminary effort to collect the Bibliography of Washington County.

The bibliography of a subject may be defined, in a general sense, as a list of published works relating to that subject, or furnishing information concerning it. But in the limited sense in which we shall use the term, the phrase "Bibliography of Washington County," will mean all works written, compiled, or edited by authors who were natives or residents of Washington County, or were printed or published by Washington County printers. And in "works" we shall embrace all bound books, and as well pamphlets containing public addresses, sermons, and historical sketches of any value,—at least all we may find of them. We shall also embrace a list of all the newspapers ever published in the county, the place and period of publication and the editors, etc. All under something like the Scheme noted hereafter.

This subject has been before our historical society for some time, and at the last meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies at Harrisburg, Pa., on January 3, 1907, the same subject was taken up, and a standing committee of seven, with Hon. Thomas Lynch Montgomery, State Librarian, as chairman, and the writer as one of the members, was appointed to take charge of the subject of a Bibliography of Pennsylvania. At the next annual meeting of the Pa. F. H. S., to be held at Harrisburg on the first Thursday of January, 1908, a resolution of that standing committee will be reported and doubtless adopted, directing that the work of collecting the bibliography of the State of Pennsylvania shall be begun by the collection of the bibliography of the counties, under the supervision, whenever possible, of County Historical Societies.

Anticipating this method, the Washington County Historical Society, appointed last winter, as its standing committee on Bibliography, the members following: Mr. D. Glenn Moore, Mrs. Martha Montgomery and Mrs. Helena C. Beatty; and this committee, as well as our society, is especially anxious to make as full a report of progress as possible to the Pa. F. H. S., at its next meeting on 2d day of next January.

Our Bibliography is intended to embrace all books and regularly published magazines by Washington County authors or publishers, of whatever character, provided they are of a reputable character; and as to publications in pamphlet form, there being very, very many of them, some of which were for merely a present purpose, only those of general interest should be included. For our present list we have included only a few pamphlet publications, and only as they came of themselves before the committee; hereafter an effort will be made to

list all pamphlets of interest and value that we may reach. We now beg for the assistance of all who may receive the following pages, in supplying corrections and additions to our bibliography, which may be mailed either to Mrs. H. C. Beatty, the Librarian, or to Boyd Crumrine, the President of our society.

OUR SCHEME.

Our committee, without a knowledge of the method that may be adopted by the Pa. F. H. S., has adopted for the present the following scheme of classification:

1. Books by authors who were natives of Washington County, or resident therein when the books were compiled, whether natives or not.

2. Books printed or published by Washington County Printers or Publishers, whether written by natives or residents, or not.

3. Books relating largely to the people or the affairs of Washington County, by whomsoever written;—such as Brackenridge's *Incidents of the Western Insurrection*; because that trouble was largely confined to Washington County.

Magazines and pamphlets will be placed with books, in our list, subject to a change in the classification subsequently. Newspapers can be merely listed, with the period and place of publication, editors, etc.

Again, we ask: Should any errors be found in the names of authors, or in the titles, or any omissions of works that should appear but do not, will they kindly be reported?

BOYD CRUMRINE,

Editor.

December 20, 1907.

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In pencil marks on the title-page of this pamphlet is written, following the words "Are examined and shown to be Unfounded," the words "by Samuel Ralston, D. D." The pamphlet closes with the words, "Yours, etc. A. Presbyterian," followed by:

"P. S. Should you, or any others, be inclined to ask me why I have not affixed my name to these letters—my answer is, this is my first essay, as not

above a page of my writing has before this been printed, and I am not yet seized with the *cacoethes scribendi*, or 'the art of scribbling.' However, if necessity requires it, I will neither be ashamed nor afraid to give both you and the public my name."

—Bound up also with the foregoing in this volume is "The Evangelical Intelligencer (New Series), Vol. III, January, 1809, No. 1," 56 pages, and also "A Discourse on Matthew, xxiv, 7, 8, delivered on Sabbath Evening, February 16, 1812, at the Academy, No. 88 Division Street, on the subject of EARTHQUAKES, in which they are explained:

"I. As a natural phenomenon, resulting from the attributes of matter, the mechanical forces attached to it, and the internal constitution of the globe.

"II. The relation they bear to the doctrine of a general and particular providence considered.

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